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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT  
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**Docket Number (Optional)  
CRNT-0034

First named inventor: Paul Kline

Application No.: 10/016,998

Art Unit: 2613

Filed: December 14, 2001

Examiner: David Payne

Title: Interfacing Fiber Optic Data with Electrical Power Systems

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**APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION**

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

## 1. Petition fee

Small entity-fee \$ 770 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Other than small entity – fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

## 2. Reply and/or fee

- A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of a Reply to a Non-Final Office Action (identify type of reply):

has been filed previously on \_\_\_\_\_.  
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- B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
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## 3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a small entity or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

## 4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).]

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October 1, 2007

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Enclosures:  Fee Payment Reply Terminal Disclaimer Form Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay Other: \_\_\_\_\_**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION [37 CFR 1.8(a)]**

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In re Application of:

Confirmation No.: **4988**

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Dear Sir:

**Statement of Facts Establishing Unintentional Delay**

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.137(b), Assignee (Current Technologies, LLC) of the above referenced application has submitted herewith a Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally and submits these Statements of Fact in support thereof.

1. The claims of the above referenced application were rejected in a Non-Final Office Action dated October 18, 2005.
2. On January 18, 2006, Applicant submitted a Reply. In addition to the Reply, the Applicant submitted an IDS and an accompanying 1449 form listing 40 prior art references.
3. On April 5, 2006, the Examiner issued another Non-Final Office Action stating that Applicant's Reply was unresponsive because Applicant failed to cite the relevant passages of the submitted prior art. The Office Action re-stated the previous rejections and did not consider

Applicant's amendments or arguments submitted in the Reply of January 18, 2006.

4. On April 20, 2006, and after speaking with Examiner Payne's supervisor (Mr. Jason Chan), Applicant and Examiner Payne conducted a telephonic interview in which Examiner Payne agreed to withdrawal the Non-Responsive Office Action, consider the prior art submitted, and issue a new office action. Examiner Payne stated that Applicant should wait to receive the new Office Action. Both Examiner Payne and his supervisor agreed that the Office Action incorrectly concluded that Applicant's Reply was non-responsive (there is no requirement to cite relevant passages in the submitted prior art).
5. On May 2, 2006, Examiner Payne faxed a summary of the telephone interview and, on the same day, Applicant filed a Summary of the Interview.
6. On October 17, 2006, a Notice of Abandonment was issued citing Applicant's failure to reply to the Office Action dated April 5, 2006 (the Office Action that Examiner Payne withdrew via the Interview Summary)
7. On October 31, 2006, Applicant filed a Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment.
8. On September 26, 2007, the Decision on the Petition was mailed dismissing Applicant's petition.
9. Today, October 1, 2007, Applicant has submitted a Petition to Revive the Application for unintentional Abandonment.

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**PATENT**

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